

### REMARKS

In the Office Action of February 5, 2008, claims 26, 27, 31, and 38 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,407,843 ("Rowan"), in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,249,543 ("Chow"). Claim 29 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Rowan in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,873,630 ("Muller"). Claims 35-36 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Rowan in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0098797 ("Brede").

Claims 28, 32 and 33 were previously withdrawn in response to the restriction requirement dated April 6, 2007. Claim 26 is amended herewith to incorporate the limitations of claim 28. Claim 31 is amended herewith to incorporate the limitations of claim 32. Claims 27, 28, 32, 35, 36 and 38 are cancelled herewith accordingly. Applicant submits that remaining claims 26, 29, 31 and 33 are allowable.

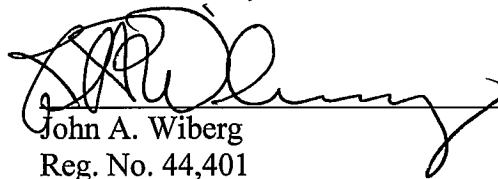
In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests allowance of claims 26, 29, 31 and 33.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to the deposit account of McAndrews, Held & Malloy, Account No. 13-0017.

Respectfully submitted,

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